A MUNIFICENT ENDOWMENT.—A few days since Mr. L. Moses, of the firm of Moses and Levy, in Aldgate, presented to the treasury of the Jewish Orphan School, Leman-street, Goodman's-fields, a check for 2,000*l.*, which he ordered to be appropriated to the purchasing a plot of ground for the purpose of building thereon an asylum for the above institution (it being now confined to the limits of a private house); at the same time expressing his desire that the building should be erected at his sole expense, and he would give a further sum for its completion, should it be required. This benevolent gentleman a short time since erected, at his own expense, a number of almshouses in the Globe-road, Mile-end, for aged and decayed tradesmen of the Jewish persuasion, to whom he allows a certain sum of money weekly.

The opening of the Gloucester and Hereford canal to Withington took place on Monday week. A procession of boats left Ledbury at nine o'clock, and a large number of other craft followed during the day. The procession reached the present terminus at half-past two o'clock, when the spectators were estimated at 1300; in fact, the event was considered as one of the utmost importance and interest. On landing, Mr. Ballard, the engineer, the committee, and the visitors, formed a procession to Hereford, on arriving at which they alighted at the hotel, where, at five o'clock, a company amounting to about 200, and comprising many of the county gentlemen, sat down to an elegant repast provided in honour of the guest, Mr. Ballard.

Current Prices of Metals.

London, March 1, 1844.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SPELTER.—Foreign ton ..	22 17 6 to 23 0 0
,, For delivery..	0 0 0—21 0 0
ZINC—English sheet	0 0 0—30 0 0
QUICKSILVER ..... per lb.	0 4 6
IRON—English bar, &c.... per ton.	5 0 0
,, Nail rods.....	0 0 0— 5 15 0
,, Hoops	7 5 0— 7 10 0
,, Sheets	0 0 0— 8 0 0
,, Cargo in Wales ..	4 5 0— 4 10 0
,, Pig, No. 1, Wales	3 5 0— 3 10 0
,, No. 1, Clyde	0 0 0— 2 5 0
,, For., Swedish	0 0 0—10 5 0
,, Russian, CCND.....	16 10 0
,, ,, PSI	
,, ,, Gouriefl	
,, ,, Archangel.....	
STEEL—Swedish keg ..... p. ton	18 0 0
,, ,, Faggot ..	0 0 0—18 10 0
COPPER—English sheathing, per lb. —	0 0 0 9½
,, Old..... ditto.	0 0 8½
,, Cake p. ton ..	87 0 0—88 0 0
,, Tile	85 0 0—86 0 0
,, S. American ..	76 0 0—78 0 0
TIN—English, blocks, &c. cwt.....	3 13 0
,, ,, bars	0 0 0— 3 11 0
,, Foreign, Banca	3 8 0— 3 10 0
,, ,, Straits....	0 0 0— 3 6 0
,, ,, Peruvian..	0 0 0— 3 0 0
TIN plates, No. IC. p. box	1 5 0— 1 9 0
,, ,, No. IX	1 11 0— 1 15 0
,, ,, wasters 3s. p. box less	
LEAD—Sheet milled ..... per ton	17 15 0
,, Shot, patent	0 0 0—19 15 0
,, Red.....	21 10 0
,, White.....	23 10 0
PIG-LEAD—English	0 0 0—17 0 0
,, Spanish	0 0 0—16 10 0
,, American ..	16 5 0—16 10 0

Tenders.

TENDERS delivered for repairs, &c., to the Royal Mail Public-house, Upper-street, Islington, belonging to Mr. Phelps, February 26.

Glenn	£295
Dove	280
James	278

Mr. Dove allowed an abatement of 10*l.* for old materials, leaving his tender 270*l.*

TENDERS delivered for some alterations to be made at the Brighton Railway Terminus.—Mr. D. Mocatta, Architect.

Wisden	£514	0	0
Satching and Son	490	0	0
Fabian	485	0	0
King and Co.	522	5	0

Mr. Fabian's tender was accepted.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

For the Erection of a Lock-up House, at Bridlington, in the East Riding of the county of York. —Mr. G. Leeman, Clerk of the Peace, Beverley. April 6.

For Sundry Artificers' Work, Building Additions to a Farm-house, at Farnham Saint Martin, near Bury St. Edmunds.—Mr. Burrell, on the premises. March 14.

For the Erection of a Covered Market in Market-street, Blackpool.—Mr. Tauch, Preston. March 12.

For Erecting and completing Buildings and other Works for Station at Halifax, Manchester, Leeds, and Hull Railway.—Plans, &c., at Engineer's Offices, Palatine-buildings, Manchester. March 11.

CONTRACT for the Erection of a Town House and Outbuildings on the Charity Farm at Thrigby, near Great Yarmouth.—Mr. A. J. Tillett, Architect, King-street, Great Yarmouth. March 11.

CONTRACT for Building a Lock-up-House at Tonbridge, Kent.—Mr. H. A. Wilder, Maidstone. March 11.

CONTRACT for Building Nine fourth-rate Houses. —Mr. Single, 34, Coleman-street, City. March 11.

CONTRACT for Building Sewers in Carsitor-street, Graystock-place, Dean-street, Cock-lane, Seacoal-lane, and other places contiguous.—Mr. Jos. Daw, Sewers Office, Guildhall. March 12.

CONTRACT for better Paving, Repairing, and keeping in order the Stone-carriage and Footway Pavements of the parish of St. Mary-le-Strand. —Mr. G. Trowbitt, Clerk. March 14.

CONTRACT for the Erection of a Chapel, and also additional Buildings for female patients, and other alterations to the Kent County Lunatic Asylum.—Mr. G. Poynder, Clerk, Asylum, Maidstone. March 18.

CONTRACT for supplying her Majesty's several Dock-yards with 2,750 loads of English Elm Timber, and 119 Elm Trees for Pumps.—Secretary of the Admiralty. March 19.

CONTRACT for the Execution of the several Works necessary to be done in the Re-building of Brent Bridge, and repairing Finchley Bridge, Hendon.—Clerk of the Peace, Sessions House, Clerkenwell-green. March 26.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

To our correspondent who asks which timbers of a roof are considered as "Framed"—*we answer, all trussed-work, consisting of Tie-beams, Principals, King-posts, (or Queen-posts, as the case may be) and struts, are considered as* "framed-truss," *and are usually paid for at a particular price agreed upon. Purlins, which ought not on any account to be framed into the Principals, may or may not, according to agreement, be included in one price with the common-rafters; if any of the common-rafters be framed to avoid chimneys or for other purposes, they may in strictness be taken as* "framed;" *but as some small portion of timber, whether in joists, ceiling-joists, or rafters, generally must be trimmed, all such may, in strictness, be taken as framed, yet are mostly measured in with and paid for as* "joists, rafters, quarters, &c.," *without framing being particularized: binding-joists, framed into Tie-beams, we should take as* "framed," *as we also should ceiling-joists if re-peatedly framed into Tie-beams or Binding-joists, instead of being secured below them. We do not approve of the method of generalizing the price of roof-work, and taking it at so much per* "square" *of 100 superficial feet, but always take the timber and charge accordingly.*

We have received the letters of "Tantalus," "W. Brien," "J. S. D," *and of* "B. C. E.," *whom we refer to page 564 of Vol. I.*

A View of the Isleworth School, and an Elevation of the New Depôt of the Religious Tract Society, have come to hand; and we await the receipt of plans and descriptions of them.

"J. B. S.," Leamington.—*It is certainly a remarkable fact, that no title has been written on the subject of wood-carving; with the exception of a short treatise by* Robert Folkstone Williams, Esq., *published in* 1835, *and that very imperfect as regards the practical part, and often inaccurate in its descriptions, we are not aware of the existence of any work on the subject in the English language: there is an Italian one, to which we may make some future reference. We can only refer* "J. B. S." to Mr. W. G. Rogers, of 3, Great Newport-street, London, *who will no doubt feel pleasure in answering his questions, and advising him how to proceed in his pursuit. In the mean time we do not believe that matured age is a barrier to the privilege of studying at Somerset House.*

"We have received the 4th part of *Knight's* "Old England." *Also*

"Hypæthrachelium," *and Lecture on Grecian Architecture, by* "G. R. F."

MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC BODIES,

To-day and during the ensuing week.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.—*Royal Botanic*, Regent's-park, 4 P.M.; *Westminster Medical*, 32, Sackville-street, 8 P.M.

MONDAY, 11. — *Geographical*, 3, Waterloo-place, 8½ P.M.; *Medical*, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, 8 P.M.

TUESDAY, 12.—*Medical and Chirurgical*, 53, Berners-street, 8½ P.M.; *Civil Engineers*, 25, Great George-street, 8 P.M.; *Zoological*, 57, Pall Mall, 3 P.M.; *Free Masons of the Church*, 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 13. — *Society of Arts*, Adelphi, 8 P.M.; *Graphic*, Thatched House Tavern, 8 P.M.; *Pharmaceutical*, 17, Bloomsbury-square, 9 P.M.; *Ethnological*, 8 P.M.

THURSDAY, 14. — *Royal*, Somerset House, 8½ P.M.; *Antiquaries*, Somerset House, 8 P.M.; *Royal Society of Literature*, 4, St. Martin's-place, 4 P.M.; *Medico-Botanical*, 32, Sackville-street, 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, 15. — *Royal Institution*, Albemarle-street, 8½ P.M.; *Statistical*, 11, Regent-street, 8 P.M.; (anniversary).

SATURDAY, 16. — *Asiatic*, 14, Grafton-street, 2 P.M.; *Westminster Medical*, 32, Sackville-street, 8 P.M.

CIVIL ENGINEERS.—*Library* open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.—Open every week-day except Wednesday, between 10 and 2. Admission by members' tickets.

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P.S. An APPRENTICE WANTED, who will be treated as one of the family.

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